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Settlement

Suspension of resettlement operations.

* 328 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any intention of suspending the resettlement now in operation or proposed to be started shortly, pending the introduction and the passing by this Council of a satisfactory Land Revenue Legislation; and

(b) if not, why not?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government are of opinion that it would be contrary to the public interest to suspend or postpone any resettlements that are due.

Village Establishments

Allowances to karnams attending taluk offices.

* 329 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the question of granting allowances to karnams attending taluk offices has been settled; and

(b) if it has, what action the Government propose to take thereon?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 1752 at the meeting of the Council held on 15th March 1929. The position remains unchanged.

Wild Animals

Extent of ravages by tigers in Gumsur forests.

* 330 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the extent of the loss of lives of cattle, men and women from the ravages of tigers in the Gumsur forests; and

(b) whether any, and if so, what action is being taken by the District Forest Officer, Ganjam, to suppress this?

A.—(a) No. But a report will be called for.

(b) The District Forest Officer has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Protection of cattle and crops of ryots near reserves in South Kanara.

* 331 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of safeguarding the cattle and crops of ryots living near reserves in South Kanara by removing all restrictions on hunting in the reserves?

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A.—The Government have considered the question and have issued orders allowing, as an experimental measure, the villagers to hunt wild animals in reserved forests in the South Kanara district during the months of July to January.

Municipalities

Loans to municipalities for electric installations.

* 332 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many municipalities have so far applied for loans for installing electrical machinery;

(*b*) how many such applications have been granted and how many of them have been rejected; and

(*c*) what the names of the firms are which have been granted licences to carry out electrical schemes and the names of those which have been refused such licences?

A.—(*a*) Eleven.

(*b*) Eight applications have been granted. The application of one more council has been published. Another council does not want the loan provided for as it has deferred the scheme. One other council has been asked to renew its loan application after getting the detailed plans and estimates for the scheme duly sanctioned. No application has been rejected.

Non-Municipal Electric Licensees.

(*c*) (1) The Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited (for supply in the area covered by the whole of the City Corporation limits including the area administered by the Military and Port authorities).

(2) The Crompton Engineering Company, Limited (for supply in British Cochin).

(3) The Sri Meenakshi Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Devakottah (for supply in Devakottah).

(4) The Trichinopoly-Srirangam Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Trichinopoly (for supply in the towns of Trichinopoly and Srirangam).

(5) The Rajahmundry Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Rajahmundry (for supply in Rajahmundry).

(6) The Nattarasankottai Electric Supply Corporation, Limited (for supply in Nattarasankottai and Sivaganga).

(7) Mr. K. C. Menon, Calicut (for supply in Calicut).

(8) The Sri Meenakshi Sundareswaralu Electric Power Corporation, Limited, Karaikudi (for supply in Karaikudi.)

(9) The Kanadukathan Electric Supply Corporation, Limited (for supply in and around Kanadukathan and Pallathur).

(10) The Vellore Electric Corporation, Limited, Vellore (for supply in Vellore).

The Conjeeveram Co-operative Electric Supply Corporation was refused a licence for supplying electrical energy to the town of